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ESBC SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6:00 PM

JULY 1

No Activities

Enjoy the week of July 4th with family and friends!

JULY 22

Adult Bible Study

Everyone is invited to join for bible study together.

JULY 8

Mission Night

Mission activity for A House on Beekman. Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.

JULY 29

5th Sunday Night Singing

Ice Cream contest to follow. Bring your favorite ice cream recipe to share!

JULY 15

Church Conference

Playdough, Popsicles, and Playground for Preschoolers and Children

AUGUST 5

Summer Mission Report

Free Dinner + Mission Report from Children, Youth and Adults

AUGUST 12

Fall Kick-Off

Check out new classes and choirs! Wednesday Night dinner resumes.

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

July 1: No Wednesday Night Activities

July 2: Church Office Closed

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, July 15th

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRIPS

July 1: No Wednesday Evening Activities

July 11-18: Bronx Mission Trip

July 15: Church Conference

July 19: Deacon Election Sunday

July 19 - 23: CentriKid Camp - Ridgecrest

July 24: Greenville Drive Game

July 29: Fifth Sunday Night Singing

August 5: Summer Missions Report

August 8: Prayer Breakfast

August 12: Fall Kick-Off

GREENVILLE DRIVE

BASEBALL



GAME

Friday, July 24th

Fluor Field

6:45 PM

GET YOUR TICKETS AT
ESBCGREENVILLE.ORG/EVENTS

ESBC NIGHT AT THE DRIVE GAME

Friday, July 24th

6:45 pm at Fluor Field

Join us for a fun night of baseball and fireworks after the game! Get your tickets now at the link below.

Drive Tickets

DEACON ELECTION AND NOMINEES

Please find enclosed in this newsletter the deacon nominees eligible for election. The Committee for Deacon Nominations is excited to present these candidates. Please prayerfully consider each of these nominees and come to worship prepared to vote by ballot on Sunday, July 19. Absentee ballots will be available by Sunday, July 5th.

The slate is as follows: Glenn Arrowood, Paula Hayes, Linda Kirkland, Vicki Merck, Amy Moore, and Bob Walker

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, June 28

9:15 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem: *This Is My Father's World* by the Sanctuary Choir and Betsy Fee, violin

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15

Series: *Questions God Asks*

Sermon: "Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord??"
by Gary Strickland

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Becky Swartzel

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of
Chris and Michelle Ballard upon
the recent death of Chris's father.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report for June 21, 2026

Sunday School Attendance.....116

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary.....135

Preschoolers and Children..... 11

Total..... 146

Online Views (as of 6/25/26)..... 93

BUDGET REPORT

Report for June 21, 2026

Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$15,713

Budget Gifts (this week).....\$7,507

Budget Offering Requirements.....\$392,816

Budget Gifts to Date.....\$301,955

Global Missions Offering.....\$16,658

DEACON OF THE WEEK



John Love is our deacon of the week. John and his wife, Margo, have been members of Earle Street since 1991. They have two adult children: Ren and Andrew. After a career working at Liberty Life and as a traveling consultant, John retired after completing a rewarding stint working with special needs students at J L Mann High School. John enjoys traveling with his wife and is in the process of running a marathon in all 50 states. John is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and plans to assist with the resumption of Wednesday night suppers. He also serves on the board of the Triune Mercy Center and volunteers there, as well.

MINISTER ON CALL

June 26-28

Gary Strickland

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NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Connections Team invites and encourages all church families to participate in the Realm Church Online Directory. Get connected, recognize church family from their pictures, and give the new pastor help to recognize each person at ESBC more quickly and easily.

We are excited to report that 86 families had their photos taken for our directory! If you missed having your photo taken we have 2 more opportunities. Photos will be taken in Room 206 before Sunday School (8:45-9:15am) or after Worship until 12:15 pm on **Sunday, August 2nd**. You may also have your photo taken on **Wednesday, August 5th** before or after Wednesday activities. This is the last day to have your photo taken. You may also stop by the church office during the week to have your photo taken.

You can still be included in the directory at any time. This deadline is for the first edition of the printed directory. Online users are encouraged to use the online directory only to keep printing costs down. Print directories will be available Fall of 2026. The Connections Team will monitor new editions and offer reprints when necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Turner at turnerkathy@hotmail.com.

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

Janice Hinnant (ext. 202) – janice@ESBCgreenville.org

Sanctuary Choir—We will not have rehearsal on Wednesday, July 1. We will sing on Sunday!

DEACON NOMINEES



GLENN ARROWOOD

Glenn has been a member of Earle Street since November 2011. Glenn and his wife, Mary, have been married for 56 years and are both Greenville natives. They have two sons, Stephen and Brian. Stephen lives in Greenville and is a pharmacist. Brian lives in Huntsville, AL, works at Redstone Arsenal, and has our two daughters, Aria and Aliya. In July 2015 I retired from a local consulting engineering firm. I am a member of the NOP Sunday school class, a member of the Safety Ministry team, an usher, and a greeter.



PAULA HAYES

Paula has been a member of Earle Street since 2004, when she was called as Minister to Preschool and Children. She served in this role for thirteen years. She and her husband, Harry, have been married since 2009. They have twin daughters, Madison and Serenity. She currently works as a Registered Behavior Technician at ABS Kids. Paula is a member of the NOP Sunday School class, serves in the Preschool ministry, helps with Triune Mercy Center and rings with the Earle Street Ringers.



LINDA KIRKLAND

Linda and her husband, Don, have been members since 1995. Linda retired in 2021 from Greenville County Schools after teaching high school English for 50 years. She taught for 10 years at Greenville High School and 36 years at Riverside High School. At Earle Street, Linda is a member of the Sanctuary Choir, Loaves and Fishes Sunday School Class, and the Senior Adult Ministry. Linda and her husband Don enjoy delivering meals for the Meals-on-Wheels program.



VICKI MERCK

Vicki Carlton Merck joined Earle Street Baptist when she was 9 years old. She has been an active member through the years, serving in many different capacities. She currently serves on the Nominating Committee, Columbarium Ad-Hoc Committee and also serves as a volunteer in the Pre-School Department. She has served as the Church Clerk for many years and attends the Sojourners Sunday School class. She is married to another long-time member, Keith Merck.



AMY MOORE

Amy and her husband, Stuart, met at Wake Forest University School of Divinity and married after she graduated in 2008. They moved to the upstate in the fall of 2013 and joined Earle Street the following summer. In 2017, their son Cam was born. Amy enjoys working from home for Together Women Rise, a nonprofit working towards global gender equality. Around Earle Street you can find her co-leading the Daily Bread Sunday school class, rocking babies in the nursery, and singing in the choir.



BOB WALKER

Bob has been a member of Earle Street since 2006. He and his wife, Judy, have been married since 1970 and have four children and eight grandchildren. He is an academic advisor for the Health and Wellness Division at Greenville Technical College. He and Judy operate an income tax preparation service called Walker Taxes Ranger, LLC. In addition to his role as a deacon, Bob serves on the Community Missions Team, is a member of the Sanctuary Choir, and Sunday School teacher.